

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Tuskegee Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT SEALE, ALA.,

October 13th, 14th and 15th, 1882.

OFFICERS:

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening Services.
2. Read Letters from Churches, and enroll Delegates.
3. Invite Ministers of our Order to seats with us.
4. Organize by Electing Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Receive Correspondents from Sister Associations.
7. Appoint Committees on Preaching, Auditing, Documents and State of Religion, Finance, Missions, Sunday Schools, Education, Temperance, and Deceased Ministers.
8. Appoint Correspondence to Sister Associations.
9. Appoint Delegates to State Convention.
10. Hear Report of the Executive Committee.
11. Hear Report of any other Committee appointed last Session.
12. Elect the Executive Committee.
13. Hear Reports from the several Committees appointed this Session.
14. Hear Treasurer's Report, and Report of the Auditing Committee.
15. Determine where the next Session of the Association will be held.
16. Arrange for Printing of Minutes and Distribution.
17. Miscellaneous Business.
18. Closing Exercises.

MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Rev. W. E. Lloyd.....Auburn, Ala.	Rev. C. W. Buck....Columbus, Ga.
" F. Oliver....Tuskegee, Ala.	" J. L. Revel.....Crawford, Ala.
" B. F. Riley.....Opelika, Ala.	" John J. Cloud...La Place, Ala.
" K. Taylor.....Opelika, Ala.	" G. D. Benton.....Seale, Ala.

LICENTIATES.

W. T. Huguley.....Salem, Ala.	H. C. Saunders.....Opelika, Ala.
R. A. Tillery.....Mott's Mill, Ala.	A. D. Lewis.....Auburn, Ala.
John Knowles.....Columbus, Ga.	T. N. Ross.....Columbus, Ga.

MINUTES.

SEALE, RUSSELL COUNTY, ALA.,

October 13, 1882.

The thirty-seventh session of the TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION convened with the Baptist Church at Seale, Ala., on Friday, October 13th, 1882.

Rev. J. J. Cloud, the appointee to preach the Introductory Sermon, not being present on account of personal sickness, that service was deferred to the hour of $7\frac{1}{2}$ P. M., and the appointment referred to a special committee on preaching, to be raised by the Association.

The regular hour for opening service having arrived, the former Moderator, Waddy Thompson, Esq., called the Association to order.

Rev. C. W. Buck, the former Clerk, acting in that capacity.

The Moderator read the 95th Psalm; and after singing, Rev. B. F. Riley led in the opening prayer.

With the view to expedite business, Rev. W. E. Lloyd offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That instead of reading all the letters from the churches, as has been the custom, that a committee of two brethren be appointed to collect the letters, and from them report a list of the names of the delegates as early as possible, that the Association may be regularly organized.

The resolution was passed; and the Moderator appointed Rev. G. D. Benton and Bro. H. C. Saunders to act as such Committee on Credentials.

While the Committee on Credentials were examining the letters, Rev. J. O. Hixon, of Union Springs, was invited to occupy the time of the Association in such religious service as he should think best for the hour.

By invitation of Bro. Hixon, Rev. B. F. Riley made some interesting statements of the general conditions of the churches and Associations visited by him in his travels for several months past.

Bro. W. Thompson, of the Tuskegee Church, spoke of the beauty and influence of brotherly love in Christ as a power in the advancement of the Master's cause and the prosperity of Zion.

Rev. C. W. Buck spoke for a few minutes on the subject of the Brownsville and Girard Mission.

Visiting ministers and brethren were invited to seats with us, and to take part in the general exercises of the Association.

On motion, the pastors and ministers of other denominations present were invited to seats in the Associational body.

The Committee on Credentials reported the names of the delegates present; and, on motion, the Association went into the election of permanent officers, which resulted in the unanimous election of the same officers, as follows:

WADDY THOMPSON, Moderator.

Rev. C. W. BUCK, Clerk.

E. W. SOLOMONS, Treasurer.

The Moderator returned thanks to the Association for this renewed evidence of their confidence.

Petitionary letters were called for, but none presented.

The corrected list of delegates and churches represented were enrolled, as follows:

Auburn—Charles Little, Elder W. E. Lloyd.

Antioch—J. F. Johns.

Brownsville—A. L. Sullivan.

Concord, Lee County—R. J. Tillery, A. S. Harris.

Concord, Macon County—Letter.

County Line—T. W. Lockhart, W. S. Adams.

Crawford—J. W. Grimes, J. C. Benton, J. H. Bickerstaff.

Cross Keys—A. T. Williams, W. H. Simmons.

Elam—Letter.

Ebenezer—Willie Pierce.

Friendship—R. S. Crenshaw, D. Paschal, I. K. McMakin.

Girard—J. N. Mathis.

Good Hope—Letter.

La Place—W. T. B. Linch.

Mount Lebanon—C. C. Gatewood, George Thomas, H. West.

Loachapoka—H. G. Macon, H. J. Spradling.

Liberty—T. A. Jones.

Notasulga—Letter.

Opelika—H. C. Saunders, G. W. Dawson, Rev. B. F. Riley.

Oswichee—Dr. A. Williams, R. A. Stratford.

Philadelphia—S. L. Mullen, H. Johnson, Ab. Huguley, Elder C. W. Buck.

Providence—C. A. Shell.

Rocky Mount—J. Phipps, W. W. Monk.

Salem—Dr. D. W. Floyd, W. M. Adams, E. W. Solomons.

Seale—Dr. C. L. Williams, S. S. Brinson, T. J. Threadgill.

Shiloh—G. W. Huguley, W. E. Jackson, Rev. D. S. Duffie.

Society Hill—Letter.

Union Grove—W. G. Whitman.

Tuskegee—Waddy Thompson.

Damascus and *Chewakla*—Not represented.

Received correspondents as follows:

Centennial Association—Elder J. O. Hixon, W. W. Evans, M. D., W. W. Thornton.

Eufaula Association—Rev. J. P. Chaney, E. L. Graves.

Salem Association—Elder E. Y. Vanhoose.

Rev. T. M. Bailey, D. D., Secretary of State Mission Board.

Tallapoosa River Association—Rev. John Quarles.

Returned correspondence to the

Centennial Association—(To meet at Perote, Friday, Sept. 23rd, 1883)—Rev. G. D. Benton, Rev. C. W. Buck.

Eufaula—Prof. T. J. Threadgill.

Columbus, Ga.—(Mount Zion Church)—Rev. C. W. Buck, J. Phipps, W. T. B. Linch, Dr. A. Williams, W. M. Adams, S. L. Mullen.

Liberty—(Sept. 23rd, 1883)—H. C. Saunders, G. W. Dawson, W. M. Adams, E. W. Solomons, Rev. D. S. Duffie, Rev. W. E. Lloyd.

State Convention—(Marion, Ala.)—Elders. Lloyd, Riley, Buck, Benton, and Brethren W. Thompson and H. C. Saunders.

Committees appointed :

ON PREACHING—The pastor and deacons of Seale Church, and Bro. A. F. Williams.

ON AUDITING—W. M. Adams, C. L. Williams, T. I. Ramsey.

ON FINANCE—E. W. Solomons, R. A. Stratford, J. W. Johns.

Brethren Tichenor, Oliver and Cloud, appointed at the last session to report on Sunday Schools, Education and Temperance, being absent, the Moderator appointed the following brethren to prepare the reports :

Sunday Schools—T. J. Threadgill.

Education—D. S. Duffie.

Temperance—C. W. Buck.

Bro. W. E. Lloyd, chairman of the Executive Committee, reported the cause of the change in the place of meeting.

On motion, adjourned to meet at $2\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock P. M. Prayer by Elder W. E. Lloyd.

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ O'CLOCK P. M.

Opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. J. O. Hixon.

On motion, the hour of 10 o'clock Saturday A. M., was appointed as a special hour for the consideration of the subject and reports on Missions.

The Moderator appointed a committee to report on Documents, and State of Religion; consisting of Dr. D. W. Floyd, S. L. Mullen, T. W. Lockhart.

On motion, went into the election of the Executive Committee; resulting in the election of Brethren W. E. Lloyd, H. F. Oliver, J. J. Cloud, D. W. Floyd, G. W. Dawson.

Appointed standing committees, to report at the next session of the Association :

SUPERANNUTED MINISTERS—W. E. Hudmon, H. West, W. E. Jackson.

MISSIONS—G. D. Benton.

EDUCATION—C. L. Williams.

TEMPERANCE—T. J. Threadgill.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS--H. C. Saunders.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE--W. E. Lloyd.

The Auditing Committee ask leave to report:

That we have examined the Treasurer's account and vouchers, and find them correct. W. M. ADAMS, Chairman.

Committee on Preaching reported that Rev. J. O. Hixon will preach the Introductory Sermon at $7\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock this P. M., in place of Bro. Cloud, who is absent.

On motion, Rev. D. S. Duffie, Association Missionary, was requested to make a report of his work in his field of labor.

REPORT.

Your Evangelist begs leave to submit the following report of my labor in the Tuskegee Association.

I was appointed to this Mission on the 25th day of January last, and entered on my work February 3rd, 1882. Since that time I have traveled three thousand miles; preached 185 sermons; visited 13 churches; made 200 family visits. I have sold \$6.50 worth of books; secured in cash and pledges on my salary, within my field of labor, \$310. I have baptized 11 in my work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. S. DUFFIE, District Evangelist.

Rev. T. M. Bailey, Secretary of the State Board, by request gave the Association an interesting account of the different Associations visited by him, and a statement of the work being done.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Elder Benton.

7 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'CLOCK P. M.

Elder Hixon preached to a large congregation an interesting discourse from the texts: 1 Cor. iii. 11; and xv. chap., 57th and 58th verses.

SATURDAY, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'CLOCK A. M. .

Opened with reading of Scripture and singing. Prayer by Elder Quarles.

The names of delegates and correspondents arriving since adjournment, enrolled.

Roll of delegates read and corrected.

Minutes read and corrected.

The report of the Committee on Education was called for, read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee are rejoiced to report the increased prosperity of our institutions of learning at Marion and Tuscaloosa. From our best information, they are each in a prosperous condition, under their respective corps of teachers, and are doing efficient work both for themselves and for the denomination. Howard College is sending out men well trained and equipped for the battle for truth, and their efficiency, both in Church and State, should be a strong recommendation to others to send their sons to the Howard to be educated, and thereby build up our own interests.

The success of the Judson as an institution of learning is to be found in thousands of homes, in Alabama and elsewhere, made happy by the well instructed christian wives and mothers. Should they not secure to their daughters the same advantages, if possible, by sending them to this noble fountain of learning, from which they themselves have drank such sweet and health-giving draughts?

But notwithstanding we have these noble denominational Institutes, of which we are naturally proud, and for which we should be thankful, there are many thousands of our people who are not able to take advantage of the opportunities offered by these schools, because they can not send their children from home. Nevertheless, we must not neglect the interest of our children, but should use our utmost endeavors to afford them proper school advantages within their reach. It is true that in most of our towns some attention is given to a better grade of education, but in many parts of our Associational bounds this very important duty is seriously neglected; so much so, as to become a cause of fear for the good of the people. Experience has taught us that ignorance is an enemy to the truth, and it becomes us who hold the truth, as God's people, to take higher grounds in relation to the proper education of the rising generation, lest we entail upon them a loss which will reflect upon the cause of truth.

The necessity is upon us, and as a denomination we must wake up to its importance. If we can not send our sons and daughters to these places of higher grade of instruction, we must bring the opportunity for gaining such instruction, to them at home. As a denomination, we have nothing to lose by cultivating the hearts and minds of the youth, and training them to think for themselves, but we have every thing to gain.

It is not necessary that every one should have a college education, but it is better that all should possess the benefits of a well trained mind properly directed, the better to discriminate between truth and error. We therefore urge upon the pastors of the churches to bring this most important duty more prominently before their congregations, and if possible, secure more and better country schools within the bounds of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. DUFFIE,
Chairman.

After an interesting discussion of the subject by Dr. Bailey, on motion by Bro. Riley, the further consideration of this subject was postponed to $7\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock P. M.

The special hour for the reading of the Report on Missions having arrived, the report on that subject was called for and read, as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The grand defect in the practical christianity of our day is, that it fails to respond as it should to the calls of God's providence. The way opened up to the benighted nations of the earth, is broader than our disposition to enter. Our contributions are too meager for the divine pattern. The Lord has laid out for us a grand work, and has given us means, opportunity and motive;

and yet such is our reluctance, that we have but half entered upon its accomplishment. In former ages the tests of christian character and personal piety were exile, hunger, nakedness, imprisonment; the rack, the stake, persecutions unto death. But times have changed, and the evidences of personal piety need now to be reinvestigated and reconstructed. The grand test of love for Christ, now, is the life of faith, benevolence, giving, and self-denying effort, for the establishment of the cause of Christ. "If you love me, keep my commandments."

During the past year our State Board had in its employ for the whole, or part of the time, forty missionaries, who performed a work equal to the continuous labor of one man for twenty-five and a half years. There were 62 Sunday Schools organized; 148 stations supplied with preaching; 121 were baptized, and 50 restored to church fellowship, under their missionary labor; \$1,604 worth of religious books and tracts were circulated, as a part of the work done by them.

The Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., have mapped out a field full of interest to every christian patriot in the South, into which it proposes to enter with new and more earnest effort. Conspicuous in that field is the great city of New Orleans.

This Board can not do its work, so hopefully undertaken, without a more general and liberal support by the Baptists of the South.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has in its employment sixty-one missionaries, now laboring for the salvation of the heathen in different parts of the earth. We have a membership of converted heathen co-laboring with us for the conversion of their heathen brethren. So encouraging is the work conducted by this Board, that the Southern Baptist Convention, at its last session, resolved to raise by the 1st of May next, \$100,000 for missionary work in heathen lands. Virginia proposes to give one-tenth of this amount. Will not Alabama likewise come up nobly to this help? Love is the fulfilling of the law; and that, "knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep." "The night is far spent; the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light."

W. E. LLOYD,
Chairman.

On motion, the Report on Religious Literature was read, to be considered in connection with the subject of Missions, as follows:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The multiplied facilities for the publication of religious literature indicate at once its importance. These instrumentalities would never have existed but in response to the demands of christianity. Like all other potent factors in our modern civilization, the printing press has been laid under tribute to the cause of our holy religion. But it is an agency that may be used equally for evil and for good. Hence the importance of Christians acting with becoming diligence in the dissemination of a wholesome literature. It especially becomes the people of God now to urge the rapid circulation of sacred truth.

The Bible is the divine charter of our liberties, the anchor of our hopes, and the testimony for our faith. No richer blessing could be sought for this great nation than the Bible for every family and every person who will receive it,—the open Bible in the languages of the people, and accompanied by the promised power of the Holy Spirit, who has revealed, inspired and preserved it. Secondarily, there is a demand for what is known as religious literature, embodied in the form of tracts and cheaply-bound books. These find their source and spring in the word of truth, and are helpful in the correction of evil and the elevation of character.

It is gratifying to know that the State Board at Selma is devoting special attention to the work of disseminating religious literature, and is advancing as rapidly in the work as its facilities will warrant.

Accompanying the circulation of religious literature in tracts and books, is the christian newspaper. No christian family should fail to recognize the importance of supplying itself with just such a periodical. In this connection, there is no hesitation in urging upon the members of this Association our own State organ—*The Alabama Baptist*. It should be a weekly visitor to every Baptist home in Alabama. Every issue teems with rich, fresh thought, gleaned or evoked from the ablest pens.

In the sphere of Suuday School literature, we may choose with equal propriety between the publications of the Southern Baptist Convention—*Kind Words* and *The Little Gem*—and those of the American Baptist Society, at Philadelphia. Peculiar inducements are offered by both; both are engaged in the publication of periodicals that are beyond objection.

For the more thorough supply of our people with the best religious literature, it is here respectfully suggested that this Association unite in the establishment of a permanent fund, which will perpetually contribute to this end.

B. F. RILEY, Chairman.

This subject was earnestly pressed upon the congregation by the chairman of the committee, in an address; after which the Association sang,

“‘Tis religion that can give”—

Rev. T. M. Bailey presented the workings of the colportage plan, accepted by the State Board; and on motion of Bro. Riley, a colportage fund for the securing of religious literature to meet the demands of the Association, was asked for. This fund should be known as the “W. S. Lloyd Permanent Colportage Fund,” in memory of Bro. William Slade Lloyd, one of the pioneer ministers of this Association. Rev. Wm. Slade Lloyd was a native of North Carolina; was educated at Firman University, South Carolina; gave most of his ministerial life to the churches in the Tuskegee Association. In the 43rd year of his age, in the full vigor of his manhood and ministerial power, he fell dead in the pulpit at the Baptist Church at Mount Meigs, Montgomery county, Ala. His last words on earth, his Master’s message,—his next words, that Master’s praise in heaven. From the pulpit to the throne!

There was a most hearty and enthusiastic response to the call, by the churches and by individuals; so that in a few minutes the sum of one hundred and ten dollars was raised, although only one hundred dollars was asked for.

Those subscribing to the above fund, are requested to forward the amounts to Elder T. M. Bailey, Secretary of State Board, at Marion, as soon as possible; so that the fund can be set in operation by the 1st of January next.

The following is the list of subscriptions by churches:

Opelika and Tuskegee, each, \$10. Each of the following churches, \$5: Philadelphia, Cross Keys, Loachapoka, Friendship, Seale, Oswichee, Mount Lebanon, Salem, Auburn, Ebenezer, Crawford, Girard, Brownsville.

Bro. W. M. Adams, \$5. B. F. Riley paid \$5. Cash collection, \$14.90.

On motion, adjourned to 2½ o'clock p. m. Prayer by Elder C. W. Buck.

2½ O'CLOCK P. M.

Services opened by singing. Prayer by Elder D. S. Duffie.

By suggestion, so as to give more time for the discussion of the Mission question, the time set apart for those subjects was reversed, and the Report on Education was considered at this hour, and the subject of Missions deferred to 7½ o'clock p. m.

After an animated discussion of the Report on Education by several brethren, the report was, on motion, adopted; and a subscription for the education of young ministers at "Howard" was raised, amounting to.....\$115 00
Cash collection..... 10 50

Total..... \$125 50

The subscription list stands as follows:

Brethren G. W. Dawson and T. J. Threadgill, each,	
\$10; Salem, Opelika and Tuskegee churches, each,	
\$10.....	\$ 50 00
Auburn, Philadelphia, County Line, Crawford, Cross	
Keys, Friendship, Rocky Mount, Seale, Oswichee,	
Brownsville, each, \$5.....	50 00
Bro. W. T. B. Linch.....	5 00
Cash—Mount Lebanon Church, \$5; H. Johnson, \$1;	
W. E. Johnson, \$1; Good Hope Church, by Bro.	
Williamson, \$2.50; T. A. Jones, \$1; Mrs. M. B.	
Orr, \$2.....	12 50
Mrs. S. C. Vann, \$1; Mrs. Mattie Solomons, \$1; Mrs.	
G. D. Benton, \$2; Mrs. J. T. Ware, \$2; Charles	
Little, \$2.....	8 00
Total.....	\$125 50

The above subscriptions to be sent to Bro. W. E. Lloyd, chairman of the Executive Committee, Auburn, Ala., as soon as convenient.

Bro. H. C. Saunders requested permission to return the money advanced to him by the Association last year, to aid him in attending school, as it was made impossible, by unforeseen circumstances, for him to attend college as expected; and he is not willing to retain the money, not fulfilling the expectation of the Association.

The amount advanced was \$23.25.

The Report on Sunday Schools was called for, read and adopted, as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Knowing as we do, that in youth impressions which lead to good or evil, are most easily made, we are persuaded that among children especially the Sunday School offers a wide field of labor for Christians, and that here may be sown seed from which shall be gleaned a harvest rich and bounteous, to the Master's honor and glory. Believing, too, as we do, that there are certain Christians whose usefulness in this field of labor is valuable to our Master's cause, and who may be unsuited for other christian work, we can not too earnestly entreat our pastors to use all energy and zeal in establishing a Sunday School in every church throughout their pastorate, thereby giving to these disciples of Christ opportunity for developing that talent which God has given them.

It is lamentable that there is such a want of interest in this grand work upon the part both of pastors and churches, and we most earnestly pray that here, during this session of our Association, that such a stimulus, through God's power, may be imparted to His people as shall make them resolve to unfurl the banner of Christ in the Sunday School cause, and continue to wave it until by His grace all persons, young and old, shall be enlisted in this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. THREADGILL.

Committee on Preaching reported Rev. T. M. Bailey to preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock A. M. Sunday.

Dr. I. P. Cheney to preach at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ P. M.

Rev. A. E. Vanhoose, Dr. D. W. Floyd, and Dr. I. P. Cheney, to address the Sunday Schools at 9 o'clock A. M.

Report of the Committee on Temperance read, as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee deem it unnecessary to portray in this report the evils of intemperance, or its extent throughout the country. The evils are too manifest all around us to need photographing here. In every community its curse is too sorely felt, to need setting forth in this report, to fix conviction upon our minds. The wailings from 800,000 breaking hearts are ringing in our ears; the shrieks from 70,000 lost souls, as they are swept away every year from among us, into the awful abyss of a drunkard's hell, have almost palsied the hearts of our people, and forced them to give attention to the ruin being

wrought by this terrible sin. The dearth of spirituality and christian influence among so many of our churches, because of moderate and *immoderate* drinking on the part of professed Christians, has startled many of our pastors into a warning cry against it.

The night of ruin, so long, so long ! is giving away before the rising Sun of Light, and the day breaketh. Thank God! that He has moved upon the hearts and minds of many of the corporations of the land, to strike at the root of this terrible curse, by Prohibition ; and there is coming up glorious reports to us, of the successful working of these laws. If the world in its wisdom, looking to temporal good, has waked up to the necessity of earnest and definite legal force to put down this tremendous agency for evil and ruin, because of its burdening influence in impoverishing the country, destroying the lives of our citizens, and filling our prisons with criminals, surely the time has come when it becomes the people of God, looking to the honor of their Master's name and cause and the prosperity of his Zion, to take such a stand upon this subject, as it may be said of our churches, that "it is not so much as named among you." The need of the times calls, in tones that must be heard, for immediate and definite action upon the part of the churches, to suppress, both by law, precept and example, this prevailing practice of moderate drinking among so many of our church members, thereby giving countenance to, if not directly leading on to drunkenness and infidelity. The world is moving, and unless we, as God's people, act now, we shall soon see the power of civil morality scourging the professed followers of Christ into better life by the lash of the law.

Shall this be ? Shall it be that the world, in its seeking after light and refuge, shall press before those of whom Jesus has said, "Ye are the light of the world," and call upon us to come up out of the darkness into the brightness, where they have preceded us ?

Need we wonder that there is such a dearth of true spirituality and vital prosperity among so many of our churches, when we consider the example afforded to the world, of the *character* of that light, abiding in the hearts of the professed children of light ?

Children of the living God, rise up in the beauty and power of your renewed life, and move for the putting away of this besouling thing from among you, by passing a Prohibitory Law in your hearts and practices, determining that for the sake of Christ our Lord, and His chosen people, that you will not eat, or drink, or do, that which will be to the injury of your fellow men, or to the clogging of Zion's wheels.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. BUCK, Chairman.

On motion, Rev. B. F. Riley offered the following resolution, to be appended to the report as a part of the report ; and thus amended, it was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Tuskegee Association formally memorialize the General Assembly of Alabama to enact some law, or laws, by which the vending and the donating of spirituous liquors, as a beverage, shall be suppressed in the State of Alabama.

The principles presented in the report and resolution, were strongly urged upon the Association by Brethren Riley, Buck, Hixon and others.

On motion, adjourned to $7\frac{1}{2}$ P. M. Prayer by Elder E. Y. Vanhoose.

7½ O'CLOCK P. M.

Resumed business, after prayer by Elder C. W. Buck.

The subject of Missions was taken up, and earnestly discussed by different brethren, before a large and attentive audience, and the Report on Missions was adopted, after an enthusiastic promise from the delegates representing the churches, of better things for the next Associational meeting; the *expectations* based upon the promises of what will be tried for, amounting to \$745.00, for all Missions.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee report that we have examined the papers and find nothing of special import, except the following queries, which we present for your consideration:

1st. When there are three or more churches within an area of five miles, and some of them are dead, or dying, what is the remedy?

2nd. Is a church, or its members, entitled to the appellation of "Missionary," when neither church nor members pay any thing to Missions, at home or abroad?

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. MULLEN,
THOMAS LOCKHART,
D. W. FLOYD.

Answered as follows:

Query 1st. Bury the dead, and minister to the dying.

Query 2nd. No; not if they have been properly taught, and have the chance to give.

A collection was taken up for the benefit of the family of Rev. J. P. W. Brown, deceased, amounting to \$9.30.

REPORT OF F. C. DAVID.

Dear Brethren of the Tuskegee Association:

It has been my purpose all the time to meet with you at Seale, on the 13th inst., but circumstances beyond my control, forbid.

As I make quarterly reports to Rev. T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary S. M. Board, I send you a statement of something of my work here for the past year.

Delivered 233 sermons and exhortations, and 92 addresses; organized one Sunday School; held 36 prayer meetings; visited 11 churches; baptized 8 persons, 40 others baptized in connection with my labors; received 5 by letter, and one by restoration; assisted in ordaining one deacon; made 232 religious visits; traveled 2,821 miles.

There are encouraging and discouraging features in my work. Discouraging because, in broken-down churches in railroad towns, where skepticism, infidelity, barrenness, and indifference to the cause largely prevail, it is difficult to revive that which is in a manner dead; but encouraging, because the word of the Lord has not returned unto Him void, but has accomplished, to some extent, the thing whereunto He has sent it.

Further investigation has revealed the fact that most of my members are financially poor, and have been unusually embarrassed in that regard this year; but we hope soon to complete our house of worship at Decatur.

Bro. T. M. Bailey has my vouchers for \$22 40, received from Bro Oliver, of the Tuskegee Church; \$38.60 from Bro. W. E. Hudmon; and \$10 from Bro. E. W. Solomons. Total, \$71.00.

May the Great Shepherd and Bishop of Souls preside in every christian heart in the Association, shape your thoughts, control your words, and cause you all to glorify His name!

Affectionately,

F. C. DAVID,
Missionary for North Alabama.

Huntsville, Ala , October 13, 1882.

The above report from Bro. David did not reach me until the Minutes were in the hands of the printer, and nearly ready. Hence appended to the Minutes with this note.

C. W. BUCK, Clerk.

The chairman of the Committee on Superannuated Ministers took his report home to revise, and never returned it to the Clerk. Hence its omission.

CLERK.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. W. Solomons, Treasurer, in account with Tuskegee Association—

	DR.	
October—To amount from Finance Committee.....	\$327 20	
" " collected for Elder Brown.....	15 00	
Nov'r— Rocky Mount Church.....	1 60	
Dec'r— Notasulga Church.....	5 60	
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		\$349 40

	CR.	
October—By amount paid T. M. Bailey.....	\$289 25	
" " Elder Buck.....	37 95	
" " Elder Brown.....	15 00	
Dec'r— " remittance to T. M. Bailey.....	7 20	
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		\$349 40

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. SOLOMONS,
Treasurer Tuskegee Association.

PLACE OF MEETING.

On motion, the next session of the Association will be held with the Opelika Church; commencing on Thursday before the first Sabbath in October, 1883.

On motion, it was ordered that the minute funds be turned over to the Clerk, and he be instructed to prepare and print the usual number of Minutes and send to the churches.

Bro. Saunders desired to offer a resolution of thanks to the brethren, sisters and citizens of Seale, for their hospitable care of the Association, but wanted it recorded in our hearts, and not upon the Minutes.

The Committee on Preaching appointed the same brethren to preach at the next session of the Association, to wit:

Rev. J. J. Cloud to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Rev. H. F. Oliver to preach the Missionary Sermon.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Opelika Church, in October, 1883. Prayer by Rev. J. O. Hixon.

WADDY THOMPSON, *Moderator.*

C. W. BUCK, *Clerk.*

Rev. T. M. Bailey preached to a large congregation, at 11 o'clock A. M., on Sabbath, from the text: "He went about doing good."

After which a collection was taken up for the sufferers in Pensacola, amounting to

Cash.....	\$66 20
Subscriptions.....	12 50
	\$78 70

The other Sabbath appointments were filled by the brethren appointed.

CLERK.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Indian Missions.	Home Board.	Paid to Eld. Dunn.	Ministerial Education.	W. S. Lloyd Colportage fund.
Auburn.....	\$ 2 60	\$ 31 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 18 00	.....	.....
Antioch.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brownsville.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concord, Macon county.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concord, Lee county.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Crawford.....	2 00	6 80	6 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cubahatchee.....	1 50	18 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
County Line.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	.....	.....
Elam	1 50	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....
Ebenezer.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Friendship.....	1 50	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Good Hope.....	1 50	.....	50	.....	.....	85 00	.....	.....
Girard.....	2 00	4 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberty.....	1 50	.....	21 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
La Place.....	1 00	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Loachapoka.....	1 00	5 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mount Lebanon.....	2 00	8 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Notasulga.....	1 50	5 00	5 00	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Opelika.....	3 00	103 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oswichee.....	1 50	10 10	20 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....
Philadelphia.....	2 00	.....	3 63	3 63	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rocky Mount.....	1 50	18 10	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem.....	1 50	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seale.....	2 00	15 00	10 75	.....	11 75	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh.....	2 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	.....	.....
Tuskegee.....	2 00	68 45	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Grove.....	1 25	03 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem Sunday School.....	.....	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	\$47 45	\$362 00	\$97 88	\$7 12	\$11 75	\$318 00	.....	.....

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in the existence of one only living God; and that He has made Himself known to His people under the name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, the same in Essence and ever Divine perfection.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of Eternal and Particular Election; that God chose in Christ Jesus from before the foundation of the world to save them that believed, that they should be holy and without blame before Him in Love, having predestinated them unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his grace.
4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.
5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will and ability.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.
7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, sanctified, by the Holy Ghost.
8. We believe that nothing can separate true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.
9. We believe that *Baptism* and the *Lord's Supper* are Ordinances of the Church of Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these Ordinances, and that immersion only is Baptism.
10. We believe in the resurrection and the general judgment.
11. We believe the punishment of the *wicked* will be eternal, and the joy of the righteous will be everlasting.
12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances, only such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS OR BISHOPS.	CLERKS.	BAPTIZED.		DISMISSED		S. School meeting
				Rec'd.	Letter.	Baptized.	Dismissed	
Auburn.....	Auburn.....	A. F. McElhaney.....	1 0	5	1	12	60	S. S.
Antioch.....	Warrior Stand.....	D. S. Duffie (Miss'y).....	1 6	9	4	14	209	S. S.
Brownville.....	Lively.....	J. F. Johns.....	1 6	9	7	12	38	4
Concord, Lee county.....	Mott's Mill.....	A. J. Sullivan.....	5 6	2	0	1	33	3
County Line.....	Salem.....	J. M. Harris.....	0 1	7	1	1	45	2
Concord, Macon county.....	D. S. Duffie (Miss'y).....	N. Aldridge.....	9 1	2	3	1	48	2
Crawford.....	F. T. Hudson.....	N. Langley.....	9 1	2	3	1	25	4
Crabapplechee.....	G. D. Benton.....	L. Booker.....	3 2	2	1	1	25	4
Elam.....	J. J. Cloud.....	E. S. McWhorter.....	3 2	2	1	1	30	1
Ebenezer.....	F. T. Hudson.....	Chas. Hingley.....	3 2	2	1	1	17	1
Friendship.....	D. S. Duffie (Miss'y).....	J. M. F. Parker.....	2 1	3	7	1	48	4
Girard.....	Hatchechebbee.....	G. D. Benton.....	2 1	3	7	1	85	3
Good Hope.....	Colombus, Ga.....	G. D. Benton.....	2 1	3	4	1	44	1
La Place.....	Helie.....	D. S. Duffie.....	6 3	0	5	1	43	2
Lachapoka.....	La Place.....	J. J. Cloud.....	1 1	1	1	1	44	3
Liberty.....	Loachapoka.....	Wm. H. Bedell.....	1 1	1	1	1	65	1
Mount Lebanon.....	Notasulga.....	W. W. Bloodworth.....	1 1	1	1	1	60	3
Notasulga.....	Opelika.....	R. B. Wright.....	1 1	1	1	1	37	1
Oswiechee.....	Opelika.....	Wm. D. Stratford.....	1 1	1	1	1	31	2
Providence.....	Oswiechee.....	H. Lithgoe.....	2 1	1	6	1	212	S. S.
Philadelphia.....	Providence.....	S. E. Milford.....	2 1	1	6	1	28	1
Rocky Mount.....	Mechanicsville.....	G. D. Beaton.....	1 1	1	5	1	47	2
Salem.....	Salem.....	D. S. Duffie (Miss'y).....	1 1	1	6	1	50	2
Shiloh.....	Smith's Station.....	C. W. Buck.....	3 6	1	3	1	47	4
Tuskegee.....	Smith's Station.....	S. L. Mallen.....	3 6	1	3	1	52	S. S.
Union Grove.....	Smith's Station.....	J. M. Allen.....	1 2	1	4	1	86	4
Pleasant Grove.....	Opelika.....	D. W. Floyd.....	4 17	3	5	2	117	Reg S. S.
Salem.....	Salem.....	G. W. Hugley.....	1 4	1	1	1	84	2
—	—	L. B. Phillips.....	10 2	1	1	1	31	1
Chewakla, Damascus and Society Hill not heard from.	D. S. Duffie	D. W. Echois	1 1	1	1	1	104	1738
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